

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action dated May 30, 2002, in U.S. Patent Application 09/776,003, Applicant was required to elect a set of claims from among eight groups. Applicant responded in U.S. Patent Application 09/776,003 by canceling Claims 20-51. In the current Amendment, Applicant is prosecuting Claims 31-35 which were classified as Group 4. For this reason Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1-30 and 36-51 while reserving the right to prosecute the canceled claims in one or more future applications.

New Claim 52 is added herewith. Support for Claim 52 can be found throughout the originally-filed application, including, for example, page 19, lines 3-12 and 16-24.

Applicant hereby brings to the Examiner's attention, a number of references listed in the attached forms 1449 (4 pages). As all these references were cited in the parent application, copies of these references are not attached hereto. If copies are required, please contact the undersigned. Please sign off on the attached forms 1449 when sending an office action on the merits.

Please direct all future correspondence to the address associated with the customer number 34036 (the declaration from the prior application provides an out-of-date customer number of a law firm that is currently being dissolved). See the power of attorney in the new declaration executed on 10/20/2003.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in form for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, extension 3.

Respectfully submitted,


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